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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/852,093; Filed: May 10, 2001
For: **Method for Measuring Unit Activity of an Enzyme (as amended)**
Inventors: Nellis *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.5110000/LEA/KPP

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
2. Fee Transmittal Form PTO/SB/17;
3. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
4. Check no. 37295 in the amount of \$110.00 to cover Extension of Time; and
5. One (1) Return Postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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Respectfully submitted,

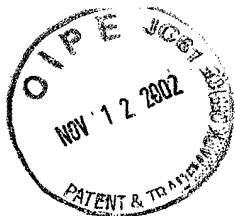
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated **August 1, 2002**, (PTO Prosecution File Wrapper Paper No. 6), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. This Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;
- (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks and arguments. 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and MPEP 714; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent

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